

Weekly Column for May 22, 2008

Let me be the first to wish everyone a Happy Memorial, and welcome you to the unofficial beginning of summer.

The City of Troy and all of its local partners are working hard this year to plan a series of events over the summer that the entire family can enjoy without spending any money. Of course, we want people to spend money when they get here, but the events you attend will be completely free.

One of those events was announced earlier this week from the deck of Ryan's Wake along River Street. The Inaugural Rockin' On The River concert series will kick off on June 11th, and will be a great time.

The City of Troy, is working with the Troy Downtown Collaborative, Ryan's Wake, Brown's Brewing Co., and Revolution Hall, with generous sponsorships from DeCresente Distributing and First Columbia, to make sure the event is a success.

Taking place just south of Ryan's Wake, we are hoping that Rockin' On The River will be the next big concert series in the Capital District. It will take place each Wednesday night from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m.

With the rising cost of gas and living expenses around the country, people are looking for unique entertainment this summer that the entire family can enjoy and not have to break the bank. We have had great success in the last few years with booking local acts in the City, but this event will be a step up with nationwide talent and excitement.

If you have not seen the lineup yet, here it is:

- June 11th- "Blues Night" featuring Albert Cummings
- June 18th- Nicole Atkins and the Sea with Sirsy. Nicole Atkins and the Sea was recently named one of Rolling Stones artists to watch in 2008.
- June 25th- Blues for Breakfast (An evening celebrating the Grateful Dead)
- July 2nd- United Booty Foundation (4th of July Disco Party)
- July 9th- Super 400 with Speakeasy
- July 16th- "Irish Night" featuring the Glengarry Boys

The Troy Downtown Collaborative is organizing the series. Alcohol will be sold at two separate locations inside the grounds of the concert series. No coolers will be allowed into the premises.

Just a couple of more weeks until the first big show! We look forward to seeing everyone there. Have a wonderful holiday weekend, please be safe!

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